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- I Basis of the report
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- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
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pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____ the drawings:pages _____, as originally filed
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheets _____5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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v. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents identified in the International Search Report(ISR):

D1 : JP 14-30527 A (31 January 2002)

D2 : JP 14-220742 A (09 August 2002)

The claimed invention relates to a high shrinkage side-by-side type composite filament, wherein two kinds of thermoplastic polymers are arranged side by side type and a boiling water shrinkage measured by the method of clause 5.10 of JIS L 1090 is 20 to 75% of a boiling water shrinkage measured by the method of clause 7.15 of JIS L 1013.

D1 discloses a side by side type polyester based conjugated fiber obtained by conjugating polyesters having different viscosities in a conjugating ratio of 65:35 – 35:65, comprising component A including PTT as a constituent and component B including PBT as a main constituent, and the intrinsic viscosities of the component A and B satisfies the formula (Y) and the fiber has the following characters: elongation rate of crimp $\leq 20\%$, elongation rate of stretching ≥ 10 , stretch modulus of elongation $\geq 90\%$ and Uster irregularity $\leq 2.0\%$. Formula (Y): $1.5 \leq I_a/I_b \leq 2.5$ (I_a is the intrinsic viscosity of the component A, I_b is the intrinsic viscosity of the component B).

D2 discloses a polyester conjugated yarn for the highly stretchable woven or knitted fabric characterized in that at least a high-viscosity component is PTT, the ratio CD/EF of the lengths of a segment CD and a segment EF is 1.2-4.0 when two intersecting points of a straight line X passing through the center of a segment AB connecting two contact points A and B of a contacting surface of two components of the filament cross section and the filament outer periphery and intersecting the segment AB at right angles and the outer periphery of the conjugated filament are C and D; two intersecting points of a straight line Y passing through the center of the segment CD and intersecting the segment CD at right angles and the filament outer periphery are E and F; and the extension percentage under 1.8×10^{-3} CN/dtex load is $\geq 40\%$ in the side-by-side type conjugated yarn.

The feature of the present invention, such as a high shrinkage side-by-side type composite filament, is not disclosed in D1 and D2. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 1 to 5 is novel pursuant to PCT Article 33(2).

The subject matter of claims 1 to 5 is considered to involve an inventive step pursuant to PCT Article 33(3), since it refers to an improved product, such as a side-by-side type composite filament having a high elastic property even in a filament state, which is not known or even suggested in the prior art, particularly in D1 and D2.

Claims 1 to 5 also meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), because all the claims are considered to be industrially applicable.

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